

## **Public Health Privacy Notice**

Public health encompasses everything from national smoking and alcohol policies, the management of epidemics such as flu, the control of large scale infections such as TB and Hepatitis B to local outbreaks of food poisoning or Measles. Certain illnesses are also notifiable; the doctors treating the patient are required by law to inform the Public Health Authorities, for instance Scarlet Fever.

This will necessarily mean the subjects personal and health information being shared with the Public Health organisations.

Some of the relevant legislation includes: the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 (SI 2010/659), the Health Protection (Local Authority Powers) Regulations 2010 (SI 2010/657), the Health Protection (Part 2A Orders) Regulations 2010 (SI 2010/658), Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984, Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988 and The Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002

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2) Data Protection Officer	Ruth Quinn
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3) <b>Purpose</b> of the	There are occasions when medical data needs to be shared with
processing	Public Health England, the Local Authority Director of Public
	Health, or the Health Protection Agency, either under a legal
	obligation or for reasons of public interest or their equivalents in the devolved nations.
4) Lawful basis for	The legal basis will be
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	Article 6(1)(c) "processing is necessary for compliance with a legal
	obligation to which the controller is subject."
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	And
	Article 9(2)(i) "processing is necessary for reasons of public
	interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against
	serious cross-border threats to health or ensuring high standards of
	quality and safety of health care and of medicinal products or
	medical devices,"



5) Recipient or categories of recipients of the shared data	The data will be shared with Public Health England <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england</a> and equivalents in the devolved nations.
6) Rights to object	You have the right to object to some or all of the information being shared with the recipients. Please contact the Data Controller.
7) Right to access and correct	You have the right to access the data that is being shared and have any inaccuracies corrected. There is no right to have accurate medical records deleted except when ordered by a court of Law.
8) Retention period	The data will be retained for active use during the period of the public interest and according to legal requirements and Public Health England's criteria on storing identifiable data <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/about/personal-information-charter">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/about/personal-information-charter</a> .
9) Right to Complain.	You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office, you can use this link <a href="https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/">https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/</a> or calling their helpline Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate)  There are National Offices for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, (see ICO website)

Please note the National Data Opt Out does not apply to this sharing of information. For further information please see: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/">https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/</a>

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